

Knock Pilgrimage to New York

A special pilgrimage to New York from Knock will take place from 8th-14th May. Flying directly from Ireland West Airport to JFK, the pilgrimage offers the chance to be a part of a memorable and historic trip.

Itinerary includes a Requiem Mass on Saturday 13th at Old St Patrick's Cathedral for the re-internment of the remains of John Curry, the youngest of the Knock Witnesses which will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Dolan.

If you would like to find out more or make an enquiry, please contact the tour operators Joe Walsh Tours on (01) 241 0800 or email: bronwyn.clinton@joewalstours.ie

The O'Neill Centre

Enable Ireland O'Neill Centre church gate collection will take place this weekend. Thank you for your support.

Blessed Edmund Rice

The monthly mass to pray for the intercession of Blessed Edmund Rice in our lives and for his canonisation will take place in Westcourt next Monday 6th February at 7.30pm. Callan Historical Society will organise the liturgy for the mass. All are welcome.

Kilkenny Flower Club

Kilkenny Flower Club meeting in Butler House Thurs. 9th Feb. at 8pm. Spring Demonstration by Olive O'Shea.

Monthly Rosary

Monthly Rosary at James Green takes place this Sunday at 3.00pm.

Divine Mercy Apostolate

Service for Healing of the Generations takes place in St Brigid's Church, Coon on Friday 10th February and Wednesday 15th February, commencing both dates with Adoration at 6.30pm, Holy Mass at 7.30pm, concluding with Solemn Benediction.

City Library

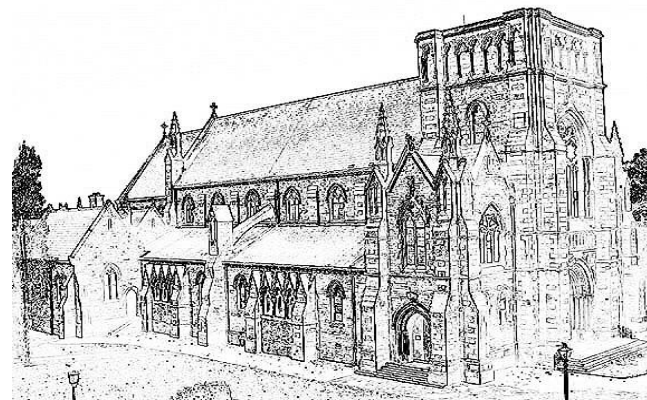
We have introduced a new library system which gives us access to most Libraries in Ireland, books can be borrowed and returned in any library already joined the National system. Library Membership is free.

Knitters Club will meet next Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm and every Tuesday.

French conversation group meet next Fri from 11.30am to 12.30pm and every second Friday after.

Our Bookclub meet the last Wednesday of each month, the book for discussion this Month is 'The Museum of you' by Carys Bray.

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th February 2017

Pope Francis invites us to celebrate St Valentine's Day!

In his document on *The Joy of Love* (Amoris Laetitia), Pope Francis refers directly to Saint Valentine's Day as an opportunity to make the most of traditional religious practices, invite couples to grow in love and help their children to prepare for their future married life.

This is why, as part of the preparations for *World Meeting of Families in Ireland* in August 2018, we invite you to mark this St. Valentine's Day in a special way.

The WMOF2018 office has prepared flyers with ideas on how to mark this special day and gift tokens that you can give to your loved ones this 14th February. These are available in each Cathedral across Ireland, Veritas Shops and Accord centres and can also be downloaded from the WMOF2018 website: www.worldmeeting2018.ie

The tokens include: a technology-free evening to do an activity of your choice; set aside time for prayer, go for a hand-in-hand walk together; a special dinner cooked by me, loads of tender hugs; a journey down memory lane: take time to remember how we met and have grown together; pray together as a couple.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Billy Bergin, Christchurch, New Zealand Late of Dunmore
Margaret Noonan, Nuncio Road.
Marie Beale, Fr Hayden Road.

Month’s Mind: May Murphy (10.30am);
Ellen Dowling (12.00 noon);

Annivs: Ben Little (6.30pm); Sheila Rice (10.00am);
Edward McEvoy (11.00am); Marie Power (7.30pm); Pat Langton;
Isabella Doyle; Mary Phelan; Noelle Meaney; Arthur Connick;
Eileen, Robert & Denis Dowd; Michael & Margaret Lennon;
James, Bridget & John Nolan; Margaret O’Loughlin; Tomás Hackett;
Thomas Duggan; William, Thomas & Derek Tyrrell; May & John Bourke;
Robert Brophy; Robert Delaney; Dr Richard Purcell; James Shortall;
Pat Langton; Raymond Hanlon; Michael, Sarah & Desmond Mahony.

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8.00am	Nora Webster
10.30am	Peggy Wall
12.00noon	Tony Dalton & Seán Ware
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Fiona Whitely
Dunmore 11.00am	Tom Comerford & Maise Powell

Weekly Envelope Collection

Thanks to all who contribute and those who pay by Standing Order. S.O. forms available in Parish Office.

Kilkenny Fatima Pilgrimage Group

A presentation on ' the message of Fatima for our times ' will take place in the Parish Centre Loughboy on Saturday February 11th at 11am. The presentation will be given by Fr. Willie Purcell Director of the Kilkenny Fatima Pilgrimage Group. All welcome.

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New Parish Newsletter Launch: 1st Sunday Lent (5th March)

Liturgical Publications of Ireland (LPi), our future Newsletter publisher, will have Adrienne Foran, our representative visiting Kilkenny and our Parish during the next few weeks to service our Newsletter. **For those interested in placing an ad, this is your opportunity.**

Our Newsletter is a primary way we use to communicate with you. Through our arrangement with the Liturgical Publications of Ireland, the Parish does not pay for the Newsletter printing or paper, which saves us valuable resources every year.

The Newsletter is supported through the generosity of the advertisers - many of whom are our own Church parishioners or members of our local community. Please support our advertisers with your patronage. Tell the business owner that you appreciate their support of our Church through their advertising in the Newsletter. This is one small way we can work within our own community to weather these challenging times.

A strong and vibrant Newsletter is good for our community and a strong business community is good for our Church. To obtain information about advertising for the new publication year, please contact the Church office or call Ruth Bolger directly at 086-0452737.

Keep in mind - our advertising sponsors make the Newsletter possible.

Johnswell Active Retirement

Meeting in Johnswell hall next Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome.

Troyscourt Meals on Wheels

Volunteer drivers are required to deliver dinners from **Troyscourt** to the St John’s Parish area.

Thanks to all from the Parish who provide this service already. Please contact the parish or one of the Priests if you are willing to volunteer.

“Learning to Live Life in the Blue Zone”

“Learning to Live Life in the Blue Zone” is the title of a talk by Dr Fergus Heffernan to be held at St. Fiacre’s Church, Loughboy on Wednesday, 8th February at 8.00pm.

Admission is €10 and all proceeds go to the **Irish Pilgrimage Trust** which brings children with special needs to Lourdes each Easter.